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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/271,037 filed on October 15, 2002 and still pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/900,557 filed on July 6, 2001 and which issued on October 15, 2002 as Patent No. 6,463,622. That application was a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/415,363 filed October 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,260,234 B1, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/216,529 filed December 18, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,070,291, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/004,999 filed January 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,003,196.

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Enclosed are:

- [XX] 21 sheets of specification, 8 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of Abstract.
- [XX] 15 sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-16.
- [XX] Copy of an assignment of an invention to Royal Appliance Mfg. Co.  
as originally filed in the prior application
- [XX] Copy of a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application  
as originally filed in the prior application
- [XX] Preliminary Amendment
- [XX] Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449

| CLAIMS AS FILED    |  |           |                                   |             |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS       | 67 - 20 =                                      | -47-      | [XX] \$18 LARGE<br>[ ] \$09 SMALL | \$ 846.00   |
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- [XX] A check in the amount of \$ 1,764.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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